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MTN GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR MCDONALD

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1. AS IS BEING REPORTED BY SEPTTEL, PORTION OF US/EC INFORMAL TEXTILE DISCUSSIONS BRUSSELS NOVEMBER 13 DEALT WITH TARIFFS. AT WORKING DINNER THAT EVENING, SMITH ASKED TRAN ABOUT RECENT EC THINKING ON TEXTILE TARIFF QUESTION. TRAN REPLIED THAT SINCE THE US/EC TEXTILE MEETING IN ROME, US INDUSTRY AND LABOR MUST HAVE BEEN TALKING EXTENSIVELY WITH EUROPEAN INDUSTRY AND LABOR COUNTERPARTS BECAUSE EC POSITION (AT LEAST INDUSTRY) HAD "CHANGED". TRAN SAID THAT INSTEAD
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OF SEEKING TEXTILE TARIFF CUTS OF RATHER SUBSTANTIAL NATURE FROM THE U.S., THE EUROPEAN INDUSTRY WAS NOW SEEKING ONLY "SYMBOLIC" CUTS. LATER, TRAN SAID THAT ALL HE RPT HE WAS SEEKING WAS THESE "SYMBOLIC" CUTS, BUT HE DID NOT ELABORATE FURTHER. ANOTHER EC PARTICIPANT AT THAT DINNER STATED THAT IN HIS VIEW THE JAPANESE WOULD NOT SEEK MUCH IN THE TEXTILE TARIFF AREA AND THAT THE EC'S CONCERN WITH U.S. CENTERED

AROUND WOOL.

2. COMMENT: TRAN'S STATEMENT IS A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT FROM
HIS ROME STATEMENT (SEE REFTTEL), BUT THOSE USG TEXTILE
OFFICIALS AT BRUSSELS MEETING ARE IN NO POSITION TO KNOW
IF TRAN SPEAKS FOR THE COMMUNITY ON THE TEXTILE TARIFF
ISSUE END COMMENT. VANCE

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